GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Rules for the Middle School and Lower Secondary Examinations.

READ—

Government Order No. E. 1347—Edn. 39-31-4, dated the 6th October 1931, issuing revised rules for the Middle School and Lower Secondary Examinations.

2. Letter No. E2. 2097—53 of 31-32, dated the 20th November 1931, from the Director of Public Instruction in Mysore, submitting proposals for the modification of Rule 8 of the Rules for the Middle School Examination and Rule 9 of the Rules for the Vernacular Lower Secondary Examination published with Government Order, dated the 6th October 1931, read above.

ORDER THEREON No. E. 2395—EDN. 39-31-8, DATED 22ND DECEMBER 1931.

The two changes proposed are (1) to permit candidates whose second language is Tamil or Telugu to answer the question papers in the non-language subjects in their own Vernacular or in English at their choice, and (2) to judge the quality of the hand-writing and spelling of candidates from their answers to the question paper in all the subjects instead of allotting ten marks for hand-writing and ten marks for dictation in each of the languages in only one of the question papers in that language. The first change is intended not only to avoid the greater scope for leakage of questions given by the translation and printing of question papers in Tamil and Telugu but also to economize expenditure. The second change is expected to make students pay more attention to and consequently improve their hand-writing and spelling.

Government are pleased to approve of the modifications suggested. The revised rules are appended to this order.

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THE MYSORE MIDDLE SCHOOL EXAMINATION.

VIII. The following will be the subjects of the Examination:—

Subject	Time	Maximum Marks	Number of marks reserved for hand-writing and spelling
GROUP "A"—COMPULSORY.			
1. English—			
(i) English Text and Grammar	One paper of 2½ hours	75	10
(ii) Composition and Translation or Paraphrase.	One paper of 2 hours	45	5
2. Second Language—Kannada, Urdu, Telugu, Tamil or English—			
(i) Text and Grammar ..	One paper of 2½ hours	65	10
(ii) Composition ..	One paper of 1 hour	35	5
3. Elementary Mathematics ..	One paper of 2 hours	100	5
4. History and Geography ..	One paper of 2½ hours	100	5
GROUP "B"—OPTIONAL.			
1. Hygiene	One paper of 2 hours	80	5
2. Kannada (for Muslim candidates of Urdu Middle Schools).	Do	80	10
3. Sanskrit or Persian ..	Do	80	10
4. Domestic Economy and Needle-work (for girls only).	Do	80	5
5. Practical Instruction—			
(*a*) Agriculture ..	Do	80	5
(*b*) Sericulture ..	Do	80	5
(*c*) Carpentry, Tailoring, Shoe-making, Weaving, Smithy or other subjects that may be introduced from time to time.			
6. Music (Intermediate Standard of Trinity College of Music-only for pupils from European Schools).			

Note.—1. Kannada as an optional subject will be of the standard of Kannada for the Third Year Primary Class and will be permitted to be taken up only by Muslim candidates from Urdu Middle Schools.

2. The candidates for the Middle School Examination shall offer all the four subjects shown under Group "A"—Compulsory and any one of the subjects shown under Group "B"—Optional, with the proviso that the girl candidates shall offer Domestic Economy and Needle-work. The last proviso will not apply to girls studying in Boys' Middle Schools and those educated privately. These candidates are permitted to offer any other optional subject under Group "B."

3. Candidates who have passed the Lower Secondary Examination may offer English only under the condition specified in the Note to Rule H (*a*).

4. English as a second language will be of a higher standard than that of the Fourth Year Middle School Course and will be permitted to be taken up only by those who are "specially circumstanced" such as Anglo-Indians and others who do not know any of the vernaculars included in the subjects of study for the Middle School Examination.

5. The Examination in Music shall be arranged for by the authorities of the School concerned at their own cost.

6. Candidates from European Schools who take Music as an optional subject and who are at the same time eligible for taking English as a second language will be permitted to take along with Music one other subject under Group "B" instead of "English" as a second language.

7. Candidates will as a rule be required to answer the English language papers in English and the rest in their own vernacular, except in the case of Europeans, Anglo-Indians and other candidates specially circumstanced, who may answer all their papers in English.

8. (i) Candidates whose second language is Kannada or Urdu will be supplied with Kannada or Urdu version of the question papers in Elementary Mathematics and other non-language subjects and they will be required to answer the papers in Kannada or Urdu, respectively and not in English.

(ii) Candidates whose second language is Tamil or Telugu will be supplied with the English or Kannada version of the question papers in the non-language subjects and will be permitted to answer the papers in their own vernacular (Tamil or Telugu as the case may be) or in English at their choice.

9. The Board shall make arrangements for the conduct of Examination in subjects included under Practical Instruction through the agency of the Department.

10. No candidate shall be allowed to offer Agriculture or any other subject included under Practical Instruction as an optional subject unless he has studied the subject for three years in a school where provision has been made for teaching the subject.

11. Spelling and hand-writing will be taken into account in valuing all the answer papers, the marks assigned to these being indicated separately, on each answer paper.

VERNACULAR LOWER SECONDARY EXAMINATION.

IX. The following will be the subjects of the Examination :—

Subject	Time	Maximum Marks	Number of marks reserved for hand-writing and spelling
GROUP "A"—COMPULSORY.			
1. First language—Kannada or Urdu—			
(i) Text and Grammar ..	1 paper of 2½ hours ..	65	10
(ii) Composition ..	1 paper of 1 hour ..	35	5
2. Elementary Mathematics ..	1 paper of 2 hours ..	100	5
3. History and Geography ..	1 paper of 2½ hours ..	100	5
GROUP "B"—OPTIONAL.			
1. Hygiene	1 paper of 2 hours ..	80	5
2. Sanskrit or Persian ..	Do ..	80	10
3. Domestic Economy and Needle-work	Do ..	80	5
4. Practical Instruction in—			
(*a*) Agriculture ..	Do ..	80	5
(*b*) Sericulture ..	Do ..	80	5

(*c*) Carpentary, Tailoring, Shoe-making, Weaving, Smithy or other subjects that may be introduced from time to time.

Note.—1. Candidates for the Vernacular Lower Secondary Examination will be required to offer all the three subjects under Group "A"—Compulsory and any one subject under Group "B"—Optional with the proviso that girl candidates shall offer Domestic Economy and Needle-work. This proviso will not apply to girls studying in Boys' Schools and girls who are educated privately. These candidates are permitted to offer any other optional subject under Group "B."

2. No candidate will be allowed to offer Agriculture or any other subject included under Practical Instruction as an optional subject unless he has studied the subject for three years in a school where provision has been made for teaching these subjects.

3. Spelling and hand-writing will be taken into account in valuing all the answer papers, the marks assigned to these being indicated separately, on each answer-paper.

Working of the Mysore City Municipality during the year 1930-31.

READ—

The report on the working of the Mysore City Municipal Council during the year 1930-31, received with letter No. G. T. 744, dated 13th November 1931, from the President of the Municipal Council.

ORDER NO. L. 4648-51—ML. 137-31-3, DATED 26TH DECEMBER 1931.

Recorded.

2. *Boundaries.*—The Municipal limits were revised during the year and the area comprised within the revised boundaries was 11·75 square miles.

3. *Constitution.* The Municipal Council consisted of an Official President and 29 Councillors of whom 20 were elected and nine nominated. The triennial election of the Municipal Councillors was held in December 1930 and the Municipal Council was reconstituted for a term of three years with effect from 3rd January 1931 and consisted of an Official President, 20 Councillors elected by the rate-payers, one Councillor elected by the Merchants' Association and eight Councillors appointed by Government. Mr. T. G. Rama Iyer continued to be the President during the year.

4. *Meetings.*—The Council held 26 meetings of which 12 were ordinary, two adjourned and 12 special. The average attendance of members was 21 against 18 in the previous year.

5. *Working Committees.*—As in the previous year, there were eight committees working in accordance with the rules made under Section 46 (a) of the Mysore Municipal Regulation. All the Committees functioned except the Legal Committee which did not transact formal business this year also.

6. *Revision of Taxes and Fees.*—The levy of a Special Sanitary Cess at two per cent per annum on the rental value fixed for house-tax was sanctioned during the year in respect of latrines cleansed by Municipal scavengers, subject to a minmum of four annas and a maximum of Rs. 3 per mensem, latrines of the flush type being exempted for three years.

7. *Demand, Collection and Balance.*—The total demand for the year under all heads was Rs. 4,70,956 including arrears of Rs. 81,989. The collections amounted to Rs. 3,63,453 leaving a balance of Rs. 1,07,503 against Rs. 81,989 in the previous year. The increase in arrears is said to be due to delay in the collection work on account of special works such as, revision of assessment, Census and General Municipal Elections, etc. It is however reported that Rs. 24,420 has since been collected to the end of September 1931, and Rs. 10,000 is proposed to be remitted and steps taken for filing suits for the recovery of dues to the extent of Rs. 22,000. The arrears are heavy and should be reduced by all possible means.

8. *Finance.*—The total income and expenditure amounted to Rs. 7,51,987 and Rs. 6,90,336 against Rs. 5,47,538 and Rs. 5,54,599 respectively during the previous year. The closing balance at the end of the year was Rs. 88,500. The incidence of taxation per head of population was Rs. 3-4-1 against Rs. 4-3-0 in the previous year; the decrease being due to the increase of population as per last census. Under receipts there is an excess of about Rs. 2 lakhs which is due to the inclusion of Rs. 1 lakh under Loans and other Adjustments under "Public Debt." Under Service Heads, the income amounted to Rs. 4,77,447 against Rs. 5,02,627 in the previous year, the decrease being on account of a general fall in the revenue derived from municipal rates and taxes, etc., except under taxes on vehicles and animals and tolls from which items there was an increase of about Rs. 8,000. During the year the finances of the Vriddhasrama were separated from Municipal funds and accounted for separately.

The expenditure under Service Heads amounted to Rs. 5,75,969 against Rs. 4,96,486 in the previous year, the increase during the current year being mainly under establishments, conservancy and sanitation and medical charges. Liabilities the extent of Rs. 62,270 accrued during the year were pending against Rs. 51,132 due to the Municipality towards taxes and contributions, etc.

9. *Public Works.*—No original works were carried out during the year. Out of the loan of Rs. 2 lakhs sanctioned by Government for tarring roads in the City, a sum of Rs. 75,000 was drawn during the year and a beginning was made in the programme for tarring important roads. The expenditure incurred on the maintenance and upkeep of roads and buildings was Rs. 46,427 against Rs. 67,312 in the previous year.

10. *Water Supply.*—The control of water supply continued to be under the Public Works Department and the improvement of the existing system of water supply is under consideration.

11. *Conservancy.*—The Health Officer was in charge of the City conservancy. For the better conservancy of the City, 44 rubbish and 51 night soil carts were purchased by the Municipality at a cost of Rs. 32,665 in place of the hired carts hitherto employed for the purpose. A loan of Rs. 25,000 was sanctioned by Government for the improvement of the City conservancy. Another loan of Rs. 50,000 was also sanctioned by Government just after the close of the year, for the execution of drainage works by the Mysore City Improvement Trust Board.

12. *Public Health.*— Public health was generally good except for the outbreak of cholera in an epidemic form during the latter part of the year. The number of births and deaths registered during the year were 2,497 and 3,417 against 2,298 and 2,749 in the previous year. The number of infant deaths under one year was 296 against 350 in the previous year. The deaths from plague and cholera were 222 and 83 against 55 and nil respectively in the previous year. Necessary measures were adopted for putting down the epidemics and 14,986 persons were inoculated against plague, 2,340 persons against cholera, and 7,055 persons against small-pox. A special staff was engaged for carrying on anti-malarial operations and the breeding places for musquitoes were regularly treated with Paris Green.

13. *Sewage Farm.*—The revenue realised from the farm increased from Rs. 7,258 to Rs. 10,190 due to increased yield from the area rendered cultivable. The outlay incurred was Rs. 9,935 against Rs. 7,310 in the previous year.

14. *Public Instruction.*—During the year, the control of Primary Education was transferred to the Municipal Council under the Mysore Elementary Education Regulation and a School Board was constituted for the purpose. As in the previous year, 18 municipal schools with a strength of 2,466 were maintained by the Municipal Council with the aid of the Government subsidy. Grants were also paid to four night schools and six Wesleyan Mission Schools. The total expenditure incurred was Rs. 30,152 against Rs. 31,650 in the previous year.

15. *General.*—The Municipal Administration continued to be satisfactory and it is gratifying to note that the non-official members of the Municipal Council participated fully in all the activities tending to improve the City.

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Economy in Expenditure by Local Bodies.

READ—

Government Order No. Fl. 1795-1850—G. F. 54-31-1, dated 14th September 1931, issuing instructions for effecting economies in the State Budget Grants for the year 1931-32.

2. Government Order No. Fl. 3742-91—G. F. 54-31-22, dated 2nd December 1931, revising the instructions conveyed in clauses (1) to (5) of the above Government Order.